

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY
AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

ALL ACTIONS

MDL No. 1456

CIVIL ACTION: 01-CV-12257-PBS

Judge Patti B. Saris

**CORRECTED CLASS PLAINTIFFS' EMERGENCY MOTION TO AMEND
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 20 COMPLIANCE WITH
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER NO. 14**

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Case Management Order No. 20 ("CMO No. 20"), the parties have moved for summary judgment on various issues related to Class 1 and Class 2 in this action. In order to lessen the burden on the Court and the parties, Plaintiffs request a modest change to the briefing schedule set forth in CMO No. 20. Importantly, Plaintiffs' proposal would reduce the number of briefs submitted to the Court yet would not affect the overall Track 1 summary judgment schedule established by the Court under which all briefing is complete by April 28 and in advance of the May 17 summary-judgment hearing. *And because CMO No. 20 presently calls for summary judgment opposition briefs to be filed next week on March 31, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court consider this motion on an expedited basis.*

Futher the request is fair and required by justice. Defendants had months if not years to prepare these motions. They filed a lengthy joint motion, five individual motions with new expert reports, 90 undisputed common facts, and undisputed facts on each of the five motions. It

is frankly impossible to respond to this mass of material in two weeks. And it would be unfair to require Plaintiffs to cram a years worth of work into a two-week period.

II. BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT

CMO No. 20's timetable for briefing on the Class 1 and Class 2 summary-judgment motions for Track 1 is as follows:

1. Summary judgment motions shall be filed by March 15, 2006. Each moving party shall file a brief not to exceed 30 pages.
2. Memoranda in opposition shall be served by March 31, 2006. Each memorandum shall be no longer than 30 pages per defendant.
3. Replies shall be served by April 14, 2006. Each reply memorandum shall be no longer than 15 pages per defendant.
4. Sur-replies of similar length shall be served by April 28, 2006.

Defendants recently raised the prospect with Plaintiffs that, in issuing CMO No. 20, the Court may not have contemplated that Plaintiffs would be filing a summary-judgment motion of their own on many issues that overlap with contentions raised in Defendants' summary-judgment briefing. Defendants also believe that, consequently, the Court would expect reasonable efforts to limit the number and volume of submissions. Plaintiffs agree with both of these propositions.

While the parties agree on the need to submit a proposal to the Court in order to limit the volume of Track 1 summary-judgment submissions, they have not been able to agree on the precise formula for achieving that goal. Defendants propose that Plaintiffs file their oppositions to the defense motions per the current schedule on March 31, and then for Defendants to (i) combine their opposition to Plaintiffs' motion with their reply briefs in support of their own motions and make the combined briefs due on April 14, and (ii) forgo filing sur-replies. While this proposal achieves the laudable result of reducing the number of briefs ultimately submitted to the Court, Plaintiffs believe that Defendants' proposal lacks mutuality and is not fair to

Plaintiffs since it grants Defendants an additional two weeks to respond to Plaintiffs' motion while providing no similar extension to Plaintiffs to respond to Defendants' motions.

Plaintiffs believe that a more reasonable proposal is to eliminate sur-replies and combine the briefing as follows:

- Opposition briefing to all motions for summary judgment due on April 14.
- Replies due on April 28.

Under this proposal, all briefing will be complete on April 28, just as the Court mandated in CMO No. 20, but the number of briefs will decrease given that no sur-replies are contemplated. Moreover, this modification would provide the parties with an additional two weeks in which to file opposition memoranda, which is especially critical to Plaintiffs' ability to fully prepare opposition briefing. Plaintiffs respectfully submit that, in issuing the schedule set forth in CMO No. 20, the Court likely did not expect Defendants to file a joint motion for summary judgment, in addition to their five separate motions. Given the breadth of arguments and volume of briefing submitted by Defendants, Plaintiffs will have substantial difficulty in preparing opposition papers in just two weeks' time. Indeed, Plaintiffs' experts are particularly pressed to respond in such short order to the defense expert declarations that were served for the very first time with Defendants' motions.

Further noted above, Plaintiffs now face in just a two-week period, *six* summary-judgment briefs, over 150 undisputed facts to respond to, hordes of exhibits and expert declarations from experts whose opinions have not been disclosed and who are relying on data not even produced by Defendants as of yet. Plaintiffs submit that fundamental fairness warrants this extension (and explains why Defendants oppose it).

III. CONCLUSION

Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court promptly modify CMO No. 20 consistent with this proposal. Such a modification is "win-win-win," as it will serve to lessen the burden on the Court, on the Track 1 Defendants and on Plaintiffs in connection with Track 1 summary-judgment proceedings.

Pursuant to Local Rule 37.1, Plaintiffs certify that they have conferred in good faith with the Track 1 Defendants in order reach agreement on this issue or narrow the areas of disagreement. We have been unsuccessful in reaching agreement, and this motion is necessary.

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